

Southern WV Safety Alert



A roof bolting machine operator with 15 years mining experience was struck by a curtain board causing serious injury. The curtain board, lying on top of the roof bolting machine, came in contact with the outby corner of a coal pillar, causing the board to swing around and strike the victim. This accident occurred while the victim was tramming the roof bolting machine with the inch controls, turning the roof bolting machine from one entry into another.



Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Boards and other large supplies must be secured by straps or other means to prevent hazards from shifting or falling.
- ✓ Supplies and other objects should not be allowed to overhang the deck storage area of a roof bolting machine.
- ✓ Inch-tram controls shall only be used when roof bolting. When conducting place changes the equipment operator must remain in the protective confines of the equipment cab.



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